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3. THE PDC LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING PARTY PRESIDENT RENAN F U E N T E A L B A, HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE PDC MUST ADOPT A POSTURE OF FIRM CONFRONTATION TOWARD THE U.P. GOVERNMENT, WHICH THE PARTY BELIEVES IS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO INTIMIDATE THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND INCREASE ITS ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY. THIS CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REACHED AS A RESULT OF HEIGHTENING POLITICAL TENSIONS AND U.P. EFFORTS TO CENSURE AND CLOSE OPPOSITION RADIO OUTLETS, SUCH AS RADIO MINERA OF VALPARAISO AND RADIO AGRICULTURA OF LOS ANGELES.

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4. [redacted] COMMENT: THE CURRENT STANCE OF THE PARTY TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE PROPENSITY OF THE PDC IN THE PAST TO DEFUSE POTENTIAL POLITICAL UPHEAVALS THROUGH DIALOGUE AND COMPROMISE.) MOST PDC LEADERS REALIZE THAT ANY EFFORT BY THE PDC TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME WOULD RESULT IN A WIDESPREAD REVOLT AMONG THE PARTY BASES, WHICH COULD RESULT [redacted]

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IN CONVOCATION OF A NATIONAL JUNTA MEETING TO REPLACE THE CURRENT C PARTY LEADERSHIP. AN AMPLIFIED NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PDC HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 7 SEPTEMBER. THE PDC'S POLITICAL POSTURE TOWARD THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE SINGLE ITEM ON THE AGENDA. FORMER PRESIDENT FREI AND RADOMIRO T O M I C, PDC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN THE 1970 ELECTIONS, WILL ATTEND. FREI INTENDS TO PLAY A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN THE MEETING.

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6. THE FEELING THAT THE PDC MUST MAINTAIN POSTURE OF STRONG; OPPOSITION TO THE U. P. GOVERNMENT IS UNANIMOUSLY SHARED BY THE PDC LEADERSHIP. PDC LEADERS VIEW THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AS BEING; EXTREMELY CRITICAL, AND THERE IS AN INCREASING SKEPTICISM THAT THE MARCH 1973 ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED. [redacted] COMMENT: IT IS BELIEVED THAT PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS THERE WILL BE INCREASING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ONE SIDE AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES, PRIVATE SECTOR, STUDENTS, ETC. ON THE OTHER. THIS COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A NATIONWIDE SERIES

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OF PROTESTS WHICH WOULD PARLYZE THE COUNTRY AND CAUSE THE DOWNFALL OF THE U.P. GOVERNMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUCH AN EVENT WERE TO BECOME A REALITY, THE DOWNFALL MUST BE CAUSED BY THE MASSIVE REPUDIATION OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE AND NOT ONLY FROM THE INTERVENTION OF THE MILITARY.)

7. [redacted] COMMENT: WHILE [redacted] REPORTED THAT THE FDC WOULD FOLLOW A CONFRONTATION POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT, O AND THAT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WOULD BE A CRITICAL PERIOD IN CHILE, ONLY [redacted] SPOKE OF THE POSSIBLE DOWNFALL, OR OVER- O THROW, OF THE GOVERNMENT.)

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